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SUBJECT: SECSTATE MIDEAST VISIT-MEDIA REACTION MAR 15

1. SUMMARY: PRESS TODAY HEADLINED U.S. SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AREA AND HIS ARRIVAL FROM ISRAEL TO AMMAN. ON PROGRESS OF TALKS AR-RAI BANNERED: "KISSINGER DEMANDS ISRAEL MAKE CONCRETE RESPONSE TO EGYPT'S IDEAS". AD-DUSTOUR: "ISRAEL STUDIES "IDEAS" CONVEYED BY KISSINGER AND WILL REPLY TOMORROW". AS-SABAH: "KISSINGER'S SUCCESS IS SUBJECT TO ISRAEL WITHDRAWAL FROM PASSES AND OIL FIELDS IN SINAI". AL-URDON: 1EGYPT'S VIEWPOINT DO NOT SATISFY ISRAELI SIDE-KISSINGER REMAINS IN AREA". AL-HAWADETH: (WEEKLY)-"SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT IS KEY TO PEACE BUT PARTIAL SETTLEMENT-AIMS TO SPLIT ARAB SOLIDARITY, AND CREATE FRICTION AMONG EGYPT, SYRIA AND PALESTINIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. AR-RAI: COMMENTS EDITORIALY ON "NEW SETTLEMENTS".

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IT SAYS THAT IN 1954 BEN GURION SAID BORDERS OF ISRAEL WOULD

BE DECIDED BY ISRAELI TANKS. TWO WEEKS AGO, ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF TOURISM REPEATED THIS AND YESTERDAY, WHILE KISSINGER IN AREA WORKING FOR PEACE, ISRAEL DECIDES TO BUILD NEW SETTLEMENTS IN JERUSALEM AND RAMALLAH AREAS. PAPER CONTINUES, IS EVIDENCE THAT ISRAEL IS NOT INTERESTED IN PEACE.

"IT IS DUTY OF U.N. AND DR. KISSINGER,..TO TAKE INITIATIVE AND DEMAND ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CEASE THESE UNLAWFUL ACTIONS."

3. AD-DUSTOUR: EDITORIALIZES ABOUT "GULF SUMMIT" AND REFERS TO RECENT RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN IRAQ, ISRAEL AND SAUDI ARABIA. THE PAPER CALLS GULF AREA, "EASTERN GATE TO ARAB WORLD". IT STRESSES, IN ARAB INTERESTS, THAT GATE BE ALWAYS STRONG AND INTEGRAL. FINALLY, PAPER CONTINUES, EXPECTED GULF SUMMIT "WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE EVENT IN ARAB AND WORLD LEVELS...".

4. AS-SABAH: HIJAZI COMMENTS ON IRAQI-IRANIAN AGREEMENT AND SAYS THAT ARAB HOMELAND WILL GAIN BECAUSE IRAQ WILL BE FREE TO HANDLE ISSUES OF FREEDOM; AND IRAN-A MOSLEM STATE-WILL SUPPORT ARAB DETERMINATION TO FREE JERUSALEM.

5. AL-HAWADETH (WEEKLY) COMMENTS ON DR. HENRY KISSINGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AT ASWAN THAT SECOND PHASE OF PEACE TALKS HAVE ENTERED STAGE OF CONCRETE IDEAS, MEANING, NEW DISENGAGEMENT IN SINAI. THE PAPER SAYS THAT HOPE IN SOLVING M.E. CRISIS DEPENDS NOT ON PARTIAL AGREEMENTS WITH ONE PARTY BUT BY COORDINATION WITH ALL ARAB STATES. PAPER CONCLUDES THAT ARAB WILL, WHICH WAS MANIFESTED IN OCTOBER WAR, WILL CONTINUE TO BE FULLY ALERT. ROAD IS STILL LONG AND DIFFICULT. CALLAHAN

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